



Moon Valley  
Women's Club



## Newsletter March 2024



Monthly source for news and information for MVWC members

### President's Message

Happy Women's History Month!

I like to think that we're making our own history here in Moon Valley, as we "March" towards our 55th anniversary next year!

The turnout for our March Luncheon was amazing! It was wonderful to support the North Mountain Visitor Center, and it was great to see so many Members getting together to hike and walk the trails. I really enjoyed hearing our very own Annette McClure share her thoughts and expertise on retirement planning, and I think we all learned a lot. Thank you, Annette!

We are very pleased to roll out the 2024-2025 Membership Form today, and I want to thank our Records Chair Audrey Sangerman for all of her hard work on this. Although renewing members aren't required to fill out a form every year, please take a moment to do so. We have added a section where you can sign up to volunteer for a committee, and we want to make sure that we have everyone's information and activity groups entered correctly. The online form is quick and easy to fill out, and don't forget that dues are now \$35.

New Members who join after March 15th will have their Membership extended through the next program year. So if you have a friend or neighbor who has been thinking about joining, please encourage them to do so now!

Our Fundraising Committee has been hard at work getting the April fundraiser set up, and I hope that you'll join us at the Luncheon to support them. We also have a really exciting guest speaker lined up - read ahead for more information. The Committee is still collecting donations of gift cards or other items until March 31st, so please consider donating if you haven't already done so.

Lastly, it is election time, so please vote for our amazing slate of 2024-2025 Executive Board candidates: President Koni Gould, Vice President Annette McClure, Treasurer Lorraine Strang-Grogan, and Secretary Carol Wilson. I am so thankful to these ladies for stepping up to serve our Club next year, and I know that they are going to do an amazing job! I would also like to recognize our Nominating Committee for putting this impressive slate together: Michele Baker, Joan Davis, Armida Herrera, Chair Betsy Ingram, and Barb Nicholls. Thank you ladies so much!

Warm Regards,  
Pam Gill

**Board Meetings are held at  
6 PM on the first  
Wednesday of the month.**

*Interested in attending?*

*Contact us at*

[moonvalley-  
womensclub@gmail.com](mailto:moonvalley-womensclub@gmail.com)



**Moon Valley Women's Club  
Mission Statement**

*The purpose of MVWC shall be to  
promote closer  
community spirit and  
develop neighborhood bonds  
through social and service  
activities.*



### HOW TO PAY for MVWC

**Charity Events,  
Donations or  
Service Project**

#### **PAY BY ZELLE**

On your online bank site search for Zelle. Set it to pay to: [MVWCserviceproject@gmail.com](mailto:MVWCserviceproject@gmail.com)  
Remember to describe what your payment is for in the Memo box. (Event name or project)

#### **PAY BY MAIL**

Write your check to: **MVWC Service Project**  
and mail to:

**MVWC Service Project  
13236 N 7th St.  
Suite 4-307  
Phoenix, AZ. 85022**

**Deadline for Newsletter  
Submission is the 6th of each  
month.**

Send submissions to:

Kathy Scott

[kaffscott59@gmail.com](mailto:kaffscott59@gmail.com)

## April 11th Luncheon & Fundraiser



**Aunt Chilada's (Garden Patio)**  
7300 N Dreamy Draw Dr.  
Phoenix, AZ 85020

**RSVP with your \$30 payment by  
April 4th**

**11:00 Social time/browse & bid on  
raffle/auction items**

**12:00 Buffet lunch**

\*Special dietary requests can be accommodated, please indicate with your RSVP and let your server know\*

### Menu:

House-made flour and corn chips with salsa

Southwestern Caesar Salad

Grilled Chicken Enchiladas

Beef Chingalingas (Rolled flour tortilla filled with shredded beef)

Refried Beans and Rice

Sopapillas with Honey

Coffee or Iced Tea

**Our guest speaker is Phoenix Police  
Department Assistant Chief  
Charmane Osborn.**

Do you have questions or topics for  
Chief Osborne? Send them to us  
at [moonvalleywomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:moonvalleywomensclub@gmail.com)

**Please make sure you are sending your Zelle  
payment to the CORRECT ACCOUNT!**

## **April Luncheon's Guest Speaker: Phoenix Police Department Assistant Chief Charmane Osborn**

Assistant Chief Charmane Osborn has served with the Phoenix Police Department for 25 years in various capacities to include Family Investigations, Transit, Professional Standards, Central Booking and the City Manager's Office as the Department's Police Liaison to City Council. She has worked patrol in the Maryvale and Central City Precincts, and has served as Sergeant, Lieutenant and Commander in the Desert Horizon Precinct.



Assistant Chief Osborn is a legacy for the Phoenix Police Department; her father was a motor officer killed in the line of duty in May of 1984, when she was in high school. Even with this tragedy, she has dedicated herself to the community and volunteers with multiple organizations including: the Phoenix Police Museum, the Phoenix Police Honor Guard, she is the treasurer for the FBI National Academy Associates – Arizona Chapter, and an adjunct member of the FBI National Academy Associates (National) Finance Board. She currently is the police department's liaison for the Neighborhood Block Watch Oversight Committee.

Assistant Chief Osborn graduated in March 2018 from the 271st session of the FBI National Academy. She has a Master of Arts degree in Business and Organizational Security Management from Webster University (2009), and a Bachelor of Science degree in Administration of Justice from Arizona State University (1999)



### **HOW TO PAY for MVWC Dues, Lunches Special Events**

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## New Officers Slated

On behalf of the Nomination Committee, we are pleased to announce the 2024-2025 slate of Executive Board officers:

President: Koni Gould  
Vice President: Annette McClure  
Treasurer: Lorraine Strang-Grogan  
Secretary: Carol Wilson

Please vote here if you haven't already voted:

### [Moon Valley Women's Club](#)

If you need a paper ballot, please contact Nominating Committee Chair Betsy Ingram. All electronic or paper ballots need to be returned by Thursday, April 4, 2024.

Be sure to thank the Nominating Committee for their hard work in finding candidates, The Nominating Committee consists of Michele Baker, Joan Davis, Armida Herrera, Betsy Ingram, and Barb Nichols.



Welcome!  
**Our New Members!**



**New Members:**  
**Anne Compton**

**Cindy Diana**  
(sponsored by Carla Diana)

**The dues for MVWC will increase to \$35 for the 2024-2025 year.**

Pay your dues by May 1st and be entered into a drawing at the May event to win a free luncheon in the Fall!  
(You do not have to be present to win!)

**Please complete the new Membership form:**

<https://forms.gle/VXxv7xWS3MfMcKjs7>

To pay your dues via Zelle, send your payment to:

[MVWCpayment@gmail.com](mailto:MVWCpayment@gmail.com)

**Be sure to include your name and "Dues" in the memo line.**

To pay dues by mail, send a check payable to MVWC to:

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Phoenix, AZ 85022

The following changes to the MVWC Standing Rules were passed by the Board on March 6th:

Add new Standing Rule to **Membership** section:

12. Members found to have engaged in any form of bullying, hate speech, threats or acts of violence towards any Club Member or within the confines of any Club activity shall have their membership permanently revoked and current membership dues refunded.



Please join us at our April 11<sup>th</sup> luncheon at Aunt Chilada's as we will be auctioning off baked goods donated by the Classy Cooks and our MVWC Baking Stars with all proceeds going to the Service Project.



We will have lots of homemade sweet treats for you to bid on. We also welcome contributions of homemade baked items from members. If you are willing to bake an item, please contact Kathy Anders at [kathleenkanders@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenkanders@gmail.com) so she can compile a master list of all our baked goods.

One of our most popular auction items is back!

**We are very excited to announce that we will be holding a fundraising raffle to attend the Classy Cooks year-end dinner, "Let the Good Times Roll"- Back to the 50's.**

There will be two winners drawn, and each winner can bring a guest (friend, family member, spouse, etc.) to this FUN evening of drinks, appetizers, dinner and dessert with the wonderful ladies of Classy Cooks.



Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 3/\$25, and all funds raised will go directly to our MVWC Service Project.

**"Let the Good Times Roll"- Back to the 50's will be held on Saturday, April 20th at 6:00PM at the home of Margy & Frank Simchak.**

The drawing will be held at the April luncheon, and you don't need to be present to win but you do need to save the date.

Tickets can be purchased in person at the April luncheon, or any time via Zelle at [mvwcserviceproject@gmail.com](mailto:mvwcserviceproject@gmail.com) (please indicate "Classy Cooks" in the memo).

# BEAR & THE HONEY FUNDRAISING DAY

Hosted by Moon Valley Women's Club



\$10	\$20	\$20	\$10	\$20		
\$30	\$10	\$20	\$20	\$10	\$40	\$10
\$20	\$30	\$30	\$10	\$10	\$30	\$20
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**TUESDAY MARCH 26TH  
6AM TO 4PM**



**BEAR & THE HONEY - BAKERY & COFFEE**

**777 E THUNDERBIRD, SUITE 100  
PHOENIX, AZ 85022**

Funds support local AZ Non-profits

## Member Spotlight: Koni Gould

MVWC Slated President for 2024-2025



Koni Gould has lived in Phoenix for almost 20 years, with the past 4 years spent in Moon Valley. Fortunately for the Club, Koni joined 2 years ago after receiving the MVWC post card in the mail. She's actively involved in Club activities, and jumped right in to serve on the Programs/Events Committee this year. Koni is also slated to serve as Club President next year!

Koni manages the Club's Facebook group, co-leads the Moderate Hiking group, and participates in the Bunco B's, Market Movers and Walking and Book Clubs. She also enjoys staying active by hiking local trails, riding her bike around Moon Valley and doing gym workouts. Koni and her husband Dan also recently took up stand up paddle boarding, and enjoy exploring the local lakes together.

Koni absolutely loves her career as a Realtor, especially when she sees the joy on her clients' faces during closing. It's no surprise that most of her clients end up as dear friends.

In her free time, Koni enjoys BBC mysteries, Marvel, playing games. And going to brunch. Koni and Dan have 3 adult children (one of whom lives in Italy!) and 1 grandchild.

This past summer, Koni had the once in a lifetime opportunity to travel to Korea and meet many members of her birth family, who she found a few years ago. While researching her family history, Koni was surprised to learn that she is a twin! They were separated at birth and adopted to separate countries. While Koni and her other siblings are still searching, her twin has not yet been located.



The Service Project Fundraising group is still seeking donations for auction items for the April luncheon & fundraiser.

If you have any gift cards, gift certificates, gift basket contents, tea-cups or silent auction items, please drop them off at Abby Irish's house, 14653 N. Coral Gables Drive.

The group also would appreciate your referrals and suggestions of local businesses that are willing to contribute products and services.



Are you disappointed that the activity group you were interested in is closed?

We currently have long wait lists for our evening Bunco groups and evening Book Clubs.

Are YOU interested in starting another Activity Group?

Anyone can start a new group, even a new member!

For information on starting a new group, please contact our Records Chair, Audrey Sangerman.

See the *Activity Group Leader Handbook* under *Member Pages* on the MVWC website



If you are interested in starting a new Bunco group or an evening Book Club, or a brand new group such as quilting, knitting, golf, or a card game such as Euchre, we can help you get started.



## Activity Group Reports

### Good Vibrations Bunco

Submitted by Peg Guichard-Watters

At our February meeting, Vicky Babb had the last bunco, the most buncos and the most points! She's a Red Hot Roller!!

By the way, the group voted to change our name for next year to **"The Red Hot Rollers"** Bunco group!



### Chapter Sisters Book Club

Submitted by Linda Jensen

We met at the home of Patricia King to discuss **"The Lioness"** by Chris Bohjalian. Because the novel is set in Africa with characters who are on a safari, as part of the snacks Patricia had a bowl of animal crackers. Many of us hadn't eaten them since childhood. Our group rates our books 1 to 5, with 5 being the best, Most of us gave this one a 3.



We were happy to welcome 2 new friends:

Cathryn Echeverria and Clee Johnston.

### Easy Hiking Group

Submitted by Barb Nicholls

Susan Bryner lead the group through a section of trail 308 on Lookout Mountain. We entered from the south via a residential area. This gave us a 360 degree view of Moon Valley. Pam Gill crashed the party and joined us!

After the hike we had lunch at il Asilo.





## Activity Group Reports– Continued

### Thursday Night Mexican Train Group

Submitted by Peg Guichard-Watters



Our group came up with a long list of names from which to choose. Many of the names were clever and fun, just like the gals in our group. But when it came time to make our final selection, one of our members, Rita Graves, abandoned our list and suggested ***Crazy Train***. When the majority of our group started whooping and singing Ozzy Osbourne's hit song from the early 80's, it was a done deal. Not only do we have a group name, we now have a theme song! All aboard - ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha!

(Full disclosure - as the "conductor" of the ***Crazy Train***, I had never heard the song before, much to the dismay, and disgust, of the Train's crew!)

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### Noble Grapes

Submitted by Pam Gill

Margy & Frank hosted The Noble Grapes for our February tasting. It was a perfect evening to be outdoors while we sampled the wines and marvelled at the spectacular views from their home on top of Moon Mountain. In honor of Margy's world-famous fudge, the wine theme for the evening was "Pairs Well With Chocolate." We had a number of different varietals to taste, from Pinots to Zins to even Champagne. And one thing was for sure: everything pairs well with Margy's delectable fudge! Cheers!



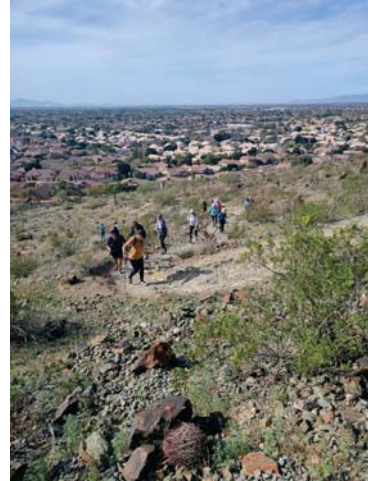
## More Activity Group Reports

### Moderate Hiking Group

Submitted by Morgan Bartlett

The moderate hiking group had 13 members take on a hike at Thunderbird Conservation Park. This included 2 brand new members. If you haven't been there, it is absolutely recommended!

Thank you to everyone who joined us today!



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### Museum & Special Events Group

Submitted by Rosalie Welty

On February 15th, the Museum & special Events group had a docent guided tour of **S'edav Va'aki Museum** (formerly known as **Pueblo Grande**).

Our guide, Frank, gave us a great tour of this early farming civilization, who amazingly created many miles of canals which irrigated their crops. The canals branched off throughout the valley, irrigating fields of other villages as well. We viewed the ball court, platform mound & replicas of adobe housing.

Following our tour, we gathered at Keegan's for a great lunch and conversation.



## More Activity Group Reports

### MVWC Garden Group

Submitted by Jackie Gentner

The MVWC Garden Group visited Canaan in the Desert on February 13. The Canaan of the Desert was established in 1968 as the U.S. branch of the Sisterhood of Mary from Germany. The Sisterhood emerged from the ruins of WWII in Frankfurt, Germany. Located in this amazing garden, is a Prayer Garden depicting the Stations of the



Cross, a Chapel, Fountain of Goodness, beautiful flowers, plants, agricultural crops, a library, and picturesque views of the beautiful Arizona desert. People young and old, of all ages, from all over the world, routinely visit the Canaan in the Desert.

Upon the end of our tranquil and peaceful walk through the desert, we went to OHSO's for a scrumptious lunch. It was a wonderful day!

### Matinee Friends

Submitted by Carol Janoff

The intimate Don Bluth Theatre was the location for an afternoon of laughter for 11 Matinee Friends. "John Loves Mary" was the play which provided our entertainment on Saturday, Feb. 10. It's the story of John Lawrence, a soldier returning from WWII, eager to see his sweetheart, Mary Mckinley. He needs to tell her he loves her, that he has missed her, and that he's married! He married his buddy Fred's British girl Lily so she could come to America, but it all goes wrong. The situation keeps getting worse as one good intention after another keeps making things worse. The plot kept us guessing through delightful twist after hilarious turn, until someone finally told the truth! The actors were all terrific, with spot-on comic timing and just the right reactions to each situation. We were very glad we made the trip out to Scottsdale for this airy, witty, nostalgic romp.





### March Birthdays

- Morgan Bartlett
- Karen Bencomo
- Krystyna Bethell
- Susan Bryner
- Anne Compton
- Abbey Curry
- Laurie Dietz
- Cathryn Echeverria
- Linda Jensen
- Grace Klees
- Marilyn Koory
- Debbie Kovesdy
- Bonnie Mattick
- Kathy Moffitt
- Patricia Mosby
- Nancy Narofsky
- Shalene Rogg
- Jill Rosato
- Pat Schlossberg
- Terri Schoen
- Shirley Shadegg
- Jan Snesrud
- Pepper Starobin
- Dina Taylor
- Cheryl Waldo



## **FUN FACTS** ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

**Julie Moore** bicycled the 109 mile El Tour de Tucson on her 45th birthday!



**Judy Gardner** once had dinner with Prince Edward in London.

**Carol Janoff** went on a cruise to the British Isles last summer and was quarantined in her cabin for 5 days with COVID.



Do you have a fun fact to share about a member? Please send it to Kathy Scott at [kaffscott59@gmail.com](mailto:kaffscott59@gmail.com)

**Save the Date!**  
**May 9th, 5:30 PM**  
**End of the Year Celebration**  
**Bobby Q's 18501 N 27th Ave**  
**\$35/ Members**  
**\$40/ Guests**



# GenTech Happy Hour



For MVWC Gals, Guys and Guests!  
Join us at GenTech for an evening of Digital Delights. Generous Appetizers, Beer, Wine, Cocktails, Soft Drinks are ALL included.

- Meet Super Friendly GenTechs!
- Bring questions for your phone, computer or iPad.
- Explore 3D Printing.
- Win Cool Tech Stuff.
- Race Robots!
- Get cool tech tips!

**Thursday • March 21 • 5:00 - 7:00 PM**  
**Crazy Fun Happy Hour!**



<b>Donation:</b> \$ 20.00 / Person Includes Generous Appetizers + ALL Drinks Profits to MVWC Charities	<b>Location:</b> GenTech Support 402 E Greenway Parkway Next to US Egg & Dance	<b>Contact:</b> GenTech 602-374-5624 or Debbie 602-571-1014 gentechsupport.com
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## GenTech Happy Hour

RSVP AND PAY HERE: <https://bit.ly/mvwcqt>

Have you forgotten your password? Contact Audrey at [moonvalleywomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:moonvalleywomensclub@gmail.com)

Link to member directory <https://mvwomensclub.org/directory-2022/>

If you have an updated photo, email it to us at [moonvalleywomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:moonvalleywomensclub@gmail.com)

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Vice President	Morgan Bartlett
Treasurer	Lorraine Strang-Grogan
Secretary	Wendy Caporaso
<b>2023-2024 MVWC Executive Board</b>	

Newsletter Editor: Kathy Scott  
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## **Sunshine Report**

**Prudence Lee** is our Sunshine Chair. If you know of a member who has experienced a loss, has an illness, had surgery, or another issue where they could use some support, please let her know.



**Get Well Cards were sent to Laurie Dietz, Barb Nicholls, and Wendy Caporaso.**

**A Congratulations card was sent to Mary Moore for the birth of her first grandchild.**

**Welcome E-cards were sent to new members.**

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